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1. A method of coating, wherein a hot melt adhesive, which has been thermally made flowable, is released from a coating device onto a substantially nonporous substrate as a substantially continuous coating without contact between said coating device and said substrate, and subsequently disposed upon the surface of said substrate at a coating weight of less than about 10 g/m².

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6. A method of coating, wherein a hot melt adhesive, which has been thermally made flowable, is provided in the form of a substantially continuous nonporous film without contact of the film with a substrate, and said film is then disposed upon a release-coated substrate comprising a web and is then transfer-coated onto a second substrate.

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10. A method of coating, wherein a thermoplastic material, which has been thermally made flowable, is provided in the form of a substantially continuous nonporous film without contact of the film with a substrate and said film is then coated onto a nonporous substrate, said coating having a complex viscosity of less than about 500 poise at about 1000 radians/sec at the coating temperature.

37. A method of coating, wherein a hot melt adhesive, which has been thermally made flowable, is released from a coating device onto a substantially nonporous substrate as a substantially continuous coating without contact between said coating device and said substrate, and subsequently disposed upon the surface of said substrate, the distance between the coating device and the substrate ranging from about 0.5 mm to 500 mm.

38. A method of coating a substrate, said method comprising releasing a hot melt adhesive that has been thermally made flowable from a coating device in the form of a substantially continuous film without contact between said coating device and a substrate;

contacting the surface of a moving substrate comprising a substantially nonporous web with said continuous film to form a coated substrate having a continuous coating; and

subsequently contacting the exposed surface of said continuous film of said coated substrate with a roller.

39. The method of claim 38, wherein said coated substrate is essentially free of entrapped air between the coating and the substrate.

40. The method of claim 39, wherein said coating has an area weight of less than about 10 g/m².

41. The method of claim 38, wherein said coating has an area weight of less than about 10 g/m².

42. A method of coating a substrate, said method comprising releasing a hot melt adhesive that has been thermally made flowable from a coating device in the form of a substantially continuous film without contact between said coating device and a substrate; and contacting the surface of a substrate comprising a substantially nonporous moving web with said continuous film to form a coated substrate having a continuous coating having an area weight less than about 30 g/m², said coated substrate being essentially free of entrapped air between the coating and the substrate.

43. The method of claim 42, wherein said coating has an area weight of less than about 10 g/m².

44. The method of claim 1, wherein said nonporous substrate comprises a release coated roller.